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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.
3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:
 - a. (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of _____ sheets, as follows:
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 - Box No. I Basis of the report
 - Box No. II Priority
 - Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 - Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
 - Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - Box No. VI Certain documents cited
 - Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
 - Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:
pages _____ received by this Authority on _____ as originally filed/furnished
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the claims:
pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
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the description, pages _____
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the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	2-5	YES
	Claims	1	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	2-5	YES
	Claims	1	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

(1) Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US 4252273 A
 D2: JP 51-128680 U
 D3: JP 52-18788 U
 D4: JP13-128830 A
 D5: KR 93-6155 U
 D6: JP 15-417 A

(2) Novelty and Inventive Step

Regarding Novelty:

The subject matter of claim 1 of the present application is a straw having amusement units which rotate along the flow of a beverage inside a flow path of the straw.

Claim 1 is the same as D1-D5 in that the cited inventions are provided with a rotating member which rotates along the flow of a drink, and in the purpose of the invention for amusing a user who sucks a beverage through a straw.

Therefore, the subject matter of claim 1 is considered to lack novelty.

Regarding Inventive Step:

The subject matter of claim 2 is a straw having amusement units on an inner circumference thereof, wherein a rotating member is installed by a rotary shaft on a pair of support members fixed between a pair of guide members having a semicircular guide hole.

Claim 2 is the same as D1-D5 in that the rotating member is provided inside a straw, but different from D1-D5 in that the rotating member is installed on a pair of support members which are fixed to a pair of guide members, thereby forming a separate amusement unit, and that said amusement unit is installed inside the straw. Said differences are considered to result in another difference in the operational effect for facilitating the installation of the rotating member, and the facilitating the flow of a drink to be sucked.

Therefore, the subject matter of claim 2 is considered to involve an inventive step.

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Supplemental Box

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Box V.

Claim 3 specifies the rotating member which is not set forth in claim 1, and consequently the technical matter of claim 3 is not clear. However, since D1-D6 do not describe the fluorescent rotating member which is set forth in claim 3, claim 3 is considered to involve an inventive step.

Claim 4 adds a case provided with a cap to the technical feature of claim 2. Therefore, claim 4 is considered to involve an inventive step.

Since claim 5 is dependent on claim 4, claim 5 is also considered to involve an inventive step.